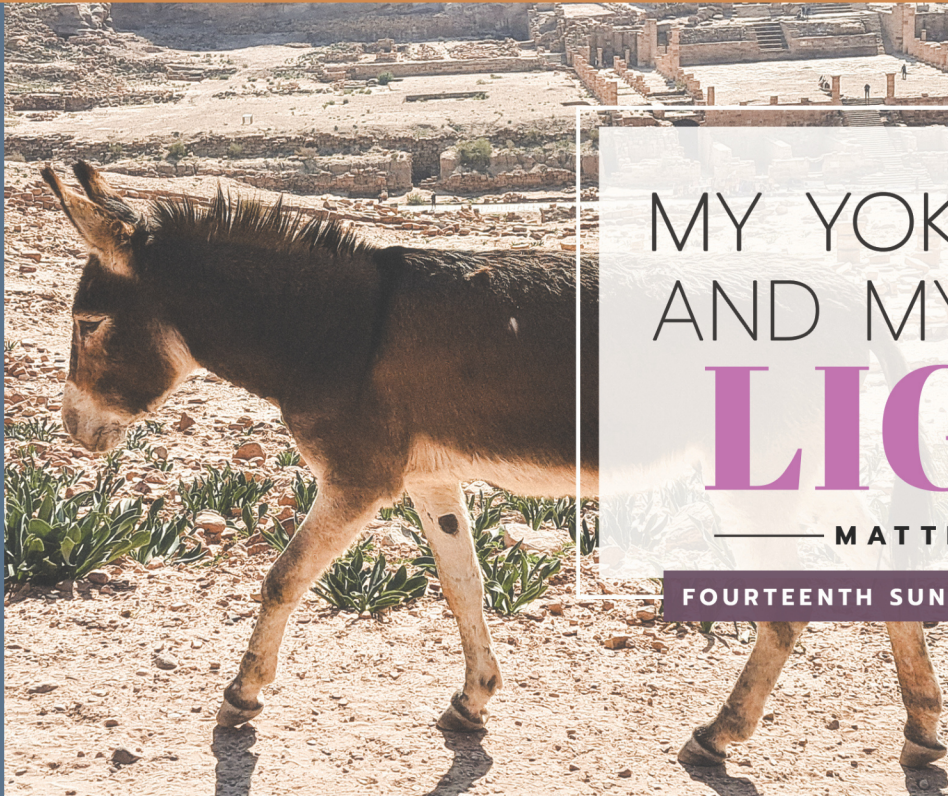


July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MY YOKE IS EASY,
AND MY BURDEN
LIGHT.

— MATTHEW 11:30 —

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF STRENGTH

There are things in life we carry for so long that they start to feel permanent.

Jesus offers a different message.

True strength comes from knowing when to turn to God, when to ask for help, and when to place our burdens in His hands.

Whatever you may be facing this week, remember that Christ walks beside you. His invitation remains the same:

"Come to me... and I will give you rest."

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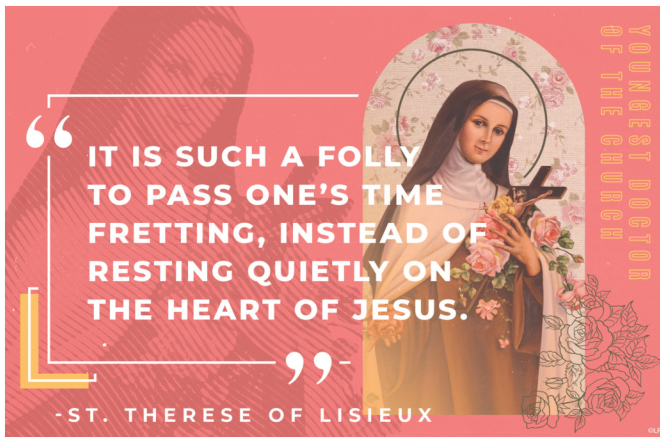
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our Military and First Responders in your prayers as they protect and serve our communities.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family!
SPA - Noah J. Heist

UPCOMING WEDDING

May God Bless this union!
SMA: 7/11/26
Nicholas Bailey & Julie Trzaska

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

SMA - Dolores Feyl
Congratulations on 100 years!
May God continue to bless you!

THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene	Tricia Hrycko
Joanne T. Conboy	Cole Huson
Rich Cymerman	Irene Jaskier
Mary Lou Dexter	Kathy Kirk
Krista Dusza	Theresa Lisowski
Weston Faith	Mary Ellen McNeill
Max Fuller	Janet Romessu
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Anne Marie Gleber	Karen Schaller

*Names will be on this list for two months.
Add Someone: 716-668-8370 x 330 or
<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>*

DEARLY DEPARTED

OLP - Vera Maines
SJC - Roberta Courtade
SPA - Roberta Courtade

SANCTUARY LAMP | JULY 5 -11

SPA
Solecki Family | Dan & Barb



Welcome!

Whether you come every week, are returning after some time away, or are visiting from another faith tradition — we are grateful you are here.

All of our parishes use the Breaking Bread missal/hymnal. The first 30 pages include the prayers, responses, and posture guidance for Mass. Readings are listed by date. (At Our Lady of Pompeii Campus, readings and music are displayed on the screens.)

If it's been a while, welcome home.

Take this time to rest in His Presence, listen to His Word, and be renewed in spirit.

May this celebration of prayer, Word, and Eucharist draw us closer to Christ and to one another. We invite you to join us in the many opportunities to grow in faith and community.

We're truly glad you're here.

ABBREVIATIONS

SMP - St. Martha Parish
SMA - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hill Campus
OLP - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Our Lady of Pompeii Campus
SJC - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish St. James Church
SPA - St. Philip the Apostle Parish

Saturday, July 4

- 4:00 pm OLP - Gloria & Edward Juszczak | Family
- 4:30 pm SPA - Stanley & Carrie Sikorski | Daughter & Son-in-Law
- 5:00 pm SMP - Craig Flading | Rose
- 7:00 pm SMA - Rick Kowalski | Family

Sunday, July 5 *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am SMP - Eric Koerner | Jim & Kathy Richert
- 9:00 am SPA - Tim Kopp | John & Sue Marshall
- 9:30 am OLP - Deacon Donald Shultz | Margaret Schwallie
- 10:00 am SMP - Members of the Altar & Rosary Guild
- SMA - Philip & Paula Penepent | Knittel Family
- 11:00 am SPA - Patty Eisenhauer | Eileen & Bill Bryan
- 11:30 am OLP - Gervase & Jordan Families (Living & Deceased) | Everett Family
- Noon SMA - Donald Donanowski | Love, Mom

Monday, July 6 *St. Maria Goretti*

- 8:15 am SMP - Len Mazurek | Kathy, Wendy, & Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Adeline Ptak | Damstetter Family
- 12 Noon SMA - James & Dakota Gasiewicz | Joan

Tuesday, July 7

- 8:15 am SMP - Jose Montoya | Bob Koterak
- 9:00 am SPA - Brett Norris | Kathy Kirk
- 12 Noon SMA - Angelo Mineo | Love, Maureen, Melanie, & Melissa

Wednesday, July 8

- 8:15 am SMP - George D. Cieslar, Jr. | Joyce Cieslar, Sister
- 9:00 am SPA - Raymond Burzynski | Chester & Dolores Bukowski
- 12 Noon SMA - Robert (Bob) Barning | Jim & Marian Snyder

Thursday, July 9 *St. Augustine Zhao Rong*

- 8:15 am SMP - Thanks for Morning Mass Friends | Barb Stang
- 9:00 am SPA - Eleanore Was | Kathy Kirk
- 12 Noon SMA - Jean Walker | Kathi, Stan, Kelly, & Melissa

Friday, July 10

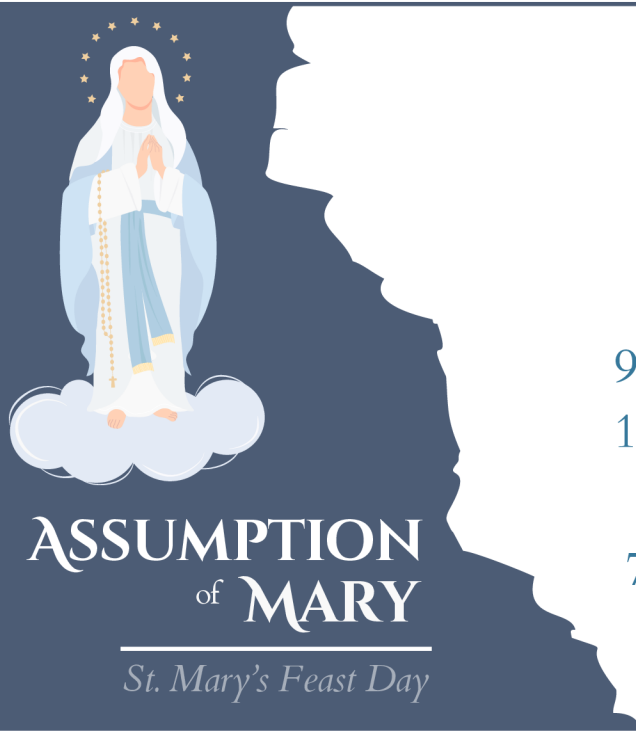
- 8:15 am SMP - Julia & Andrew Lipiec & Children | Daughter, Theresa
- 12 Noon SMA - Mildred Karaszewski, 1st Anniversary of Remembrance | Jarmuz Family
- SPA - All Souls; The Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

Saturday, July 11 *St. Benedict*

- 4:00 pm OLP - Teres Walkow | Darryl & Gloria Horn
- 4:30 pm SPA - Daniel & Rita Stachowiak | Stackowiak & Herod Families
- 5:00 pm SMP - God's Blessing for Dolores Feyl, 100th Birthday | Peter & Susan Mankowski
- 7:00 pm SMA - Mary Ann Helinski | Family

Sunday, July 12 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am SMP - Donald Nugent | Wife & Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Ted Zygmunt | Kevin Ziemba & Tess Cerra
- 9:30 am OLP - Thomas Juszczak | The Juszczak Family
- 10:00 am SMP - Members of the Holy Name Society
- SMA - Estelle Jasiczek | Ciszewski Family
- 11:00 am SPA - Donald Russo | Wife & Family
- 11:30 am OLP - Jeffery Zeffler | Julie Schultz
- Noon SMA - Roslyn Dumas Mass for Healing | Monica & Greg Newman



ASSUMPTION of MARY

St. Mary's Feast Day



HOLY DAY | AUGUST 15

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

9:00 am St. Philip the Apostle
10:00 am St. Mary's Hill Campus

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

7:00 pm St. Mary's Hill Campus
*Outdoor Regular Weekend Mass
for Feast Day with
Ice Cream Social After*

UPCOMING EVENTS

BDCL HNS MEETING

7/9 | 6 pm
Our Lady of Pompeii Campus | St. Joseph Room
A special evening meeting to welcome both current and prospective members.

SMP COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL

7/12 | after 8 am & 10 am Mass
St. Martha |
Join us for coffee and donuts! It is a perfect chance to connect with your St. Martha Family. All are welcome!

SPA CHIAVETTA'S DINNER

7/14 | Noon - 6 pm
St. Philip the Apostle | Parking Lot
Chiavetta's Chicken (\$17), ½ Rack Ribs(\$20), Whole Rack Ribs (\$31)
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- Review the program calendars
- Choose the best option for your family

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To Sign Up or for Questions:

Becky Hoag, Director of Faith Formation
716-683-8564 | becky@stmarysonthehill.org



Classes Begin

**NOVEMBER 1
11 AM**

and continue weekly through April 25
Easter Vigil:
April 27, 2027



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord Family of Parishes is pleased to **welcome Rev. George Devanapalle** as our newest Parochial Vicar, **effective July 1, 2026**.

Fr. George **comes to us from Fields of Grace Family of Parishes**, where he has faithfully served as Parochial Vicar for St. Michael Parish in Warsaw and St. John Neumann Parish in Attica.

He has been appointed to serve our Family for a **three-year term** and will be in **residence at St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus**.

Fr. George will begin celebrating weekend Masses throughout our Family on July 11 & 12.

We look forward to sharing in prayer, worship, and ministry with him.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Fr. George to the BDCL Family and keeping him in your prayers as he begins this new chapter of ministry.



SHARE COMFORT THROUGH HOSPITALITY

One of the ways we care for families after a funeral is by gathering around a meal and offering the support of our parish.



The **SMA Funeral Breakfast Ministry** is looking for:

- Bakers willing to donate baked goods
- Volunteers and committee members to help serve and organize funeral breakfasts

If you'd like to help continue this meaningful ministry, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact: Elaine at 716-553-2618 or the SMA Rectory for more info.

GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

There are things in life we carry for so long that they start to feel permanent.

Worry, responsibility, pressure to keep everything together.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus speaks to people who know exactly what that feels like.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Because **God never intended us to carry life by ourselves.**



This week's challenge:

Jesus isn't simply offering relief. He's offering to walk with us through life's challenges.

That relationship grows through prayer, through going to Mass, and through learning to bring everyday concerns to God instead of carrying them on our own.

This week, **choose one thing that's been weighing on you.**

Then talk to God about it. Not a memorized prayer. Just an honest conversation. Tell Him what's worrying you. Then spend a few moments listening.



*Msgr. Richard Siepka
Our Pastor*

FAITH IN ACTION



Congratulations!

On June 17, 2026, Ellyanna Oun, a 5th grade Faith Formation student, was presented with an award from Bishop Mike for her art submission to the Diocese of Buffalo's Vocation Awareness Contest. Her poster was chosen as the 1st Place winner in the Grade 5 category. The theme of this year's contest was Here I am, Lord! We are so proud of Ellyanna, and we congratulate all of the recipients of this award! Thank you to Ellyanna's parents and Faith Formation teachers for supporting and encouraging her in her faith formation journey.

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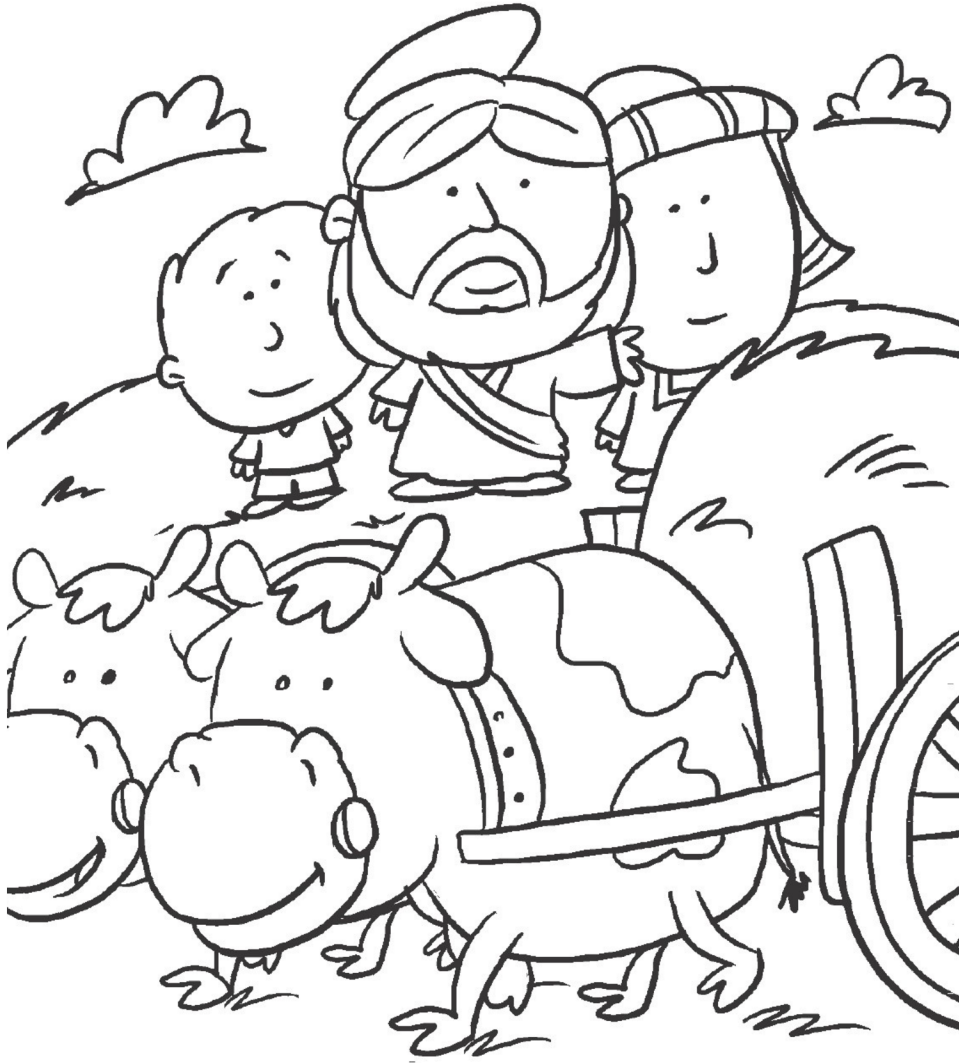
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Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love.
We are at our best when we're close to You.
Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders
and our vision, that our greatness may be founded
in and defined in You.
Amen.

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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

Fr. David Baker

***"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."***

Many wonder how they could ever make the sacrifices that
priesthood requires. But Jesus promises that his burden is light
– because **He's carrying the heaviest part of the load.**

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or
visit buffalovocations.org

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY

Zec 9:9-10
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30

MONDAY

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13
Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10
Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9
Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16
Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17
Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY

Is 6:1-8
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Mt 10:24-33

NEXT SUNDAY

Is 55:10-11
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



PSALM 145

**MY GOD,
I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME
FOREVER.**

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

July - Peter's Pence

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, Catholics around the world join together in supporting the Holy Father's charitable outreach to those most in need. Your generosity brings hope and assistance to people facing hardship across the globe.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 6/14



St. Martha

Regular: \$6,227

Loose: \$694

Online: \$1,010

Buildings & Grounds: \$70

Ascension: \$5

Assumption: \$20

Peter's Pence: \$40

Cath. Communication: \$10

Special Mission: \$10

Retired Priest Medical: \$20

St. Mary of the Assumption



Hill Campus

Regular: \$2,246

Loose: \$1,410

CPL: \$2,542.78

Cath. Communications: \$31



Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$4,275

Loose: \$713

Cath. Communications: \$5



St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$5,863.01

Loose: \$608.50

Online: \$1,611.50

Cath. Communications: \$178



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BDCL WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

1st Tuesday & 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Monday of each month
6:30 pm all evenings
St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Church

Take time to pause, pray, and be renewed. Bring your intentions as we come together to lift our personal needs and pray for our Family of Parishes.

Join us as we grow together in faith.



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Parent Name, phone, email

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Campers



Volunteers

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION (*Holidays & Holy Days Subject to Change*)

St. Martha

Mon.–Fri. 9 am – 3pm (Chapel)

First Fridays 9 pm – 10pm (Church)

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus First Fridays 12:30 – 2:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus First Fridays Noon – 5 pm

St. Philip the Apostle

Last Tues. (May–Oct) 6:30 – 7:30pm

CONFESSION *All are welcome. No appointment.*

St. Martha Sat. before 5pm Mass

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus Sat. 6 – 6:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Sat. 3 – 3:30pm

St. Philip the Apostle Sat. 3:30 – 4pm

SACRAMENTAL

BAPTISMS

Please contact your Rectory. A class is required every three years.

WEDDINGS

Preparations begin at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact your Rectory.

HOLY COMMUNION

Homebound or Sick Parishioners

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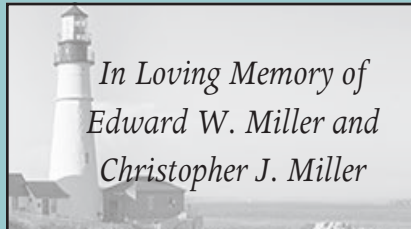
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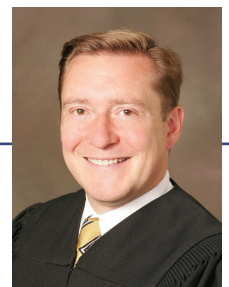
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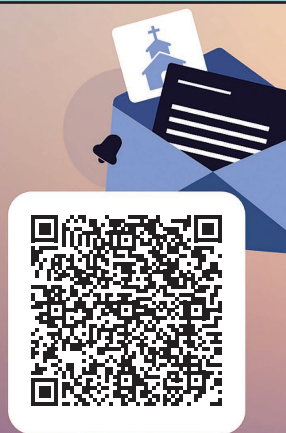
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